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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN RESUPPLY: FIFTH UPDATE

REF: PHNOM PENH 14292/221235Z DEC 73

1. THIS IS THE FIFTH UPDATE OF THE CAMBODIAN RESUPPLY EFFORT. LIKE REFTTEL, IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FULL PROGRESS REPORT BUT FOCUSSES ON SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ACTIONS WE BELIEVE ARE NOW REQUIRED ARE LISTED IN EACH SECTION, ALONG WITH SUGGESTED ACTION AGENCY WHERE APPROPRIATE.

PART I - AMMUNITION

2. SUPPLY AND STORAGE: THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING A 30-DAY STOCKAGE LEVEL OF AMMUNITION HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN ACHIEVED (AS OF 1 JANUARY TOTAL STOCK WAS 9,400 SHORT TONS AS COMPARED WITH GOAL OF 10,500). SO LONG AS FUNDING IS  
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PROVIDED PROMPTLY FOR CALLS FORWARD, WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY ENSURING THAT SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF AMMO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO US IN THAILAND FOR SHIPMENT TO PHNOM PENH. THE KANTAU DEPOT HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO SAFELY

ACCOMMODATE THIS INCREASED STOCK AGE. NEWLY ARRIVED AMMO IS BEING STORED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. AMMUNITION QUALITY INSUREANCE INSPECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WORK IS CONTINUING TO IMPORVE THE STORAGE PADS AND ROAD NETWORK TO INSURE THE FACILITY HAS AN ALL-WEATHER CAPABILITY FOR THE NEXT RAINY SEASON.

3. USE OF PREMIUM TRANSPORTATION: A RECURRING SHORTAGE OF SUFFICIENT TUG/BARGE ASSETS HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY FACTOR REQUIRING RECOURSE TO AIR-LANDED SHIPMENTS. HOWEVER, OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITH APPROXIMATELY A 40 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE USE OF AIRLIFT AS COMPARED TO THAT REQUIRED DURING THE SIMILAR AUGUST 1973 BUILD-UP EFFORT. CHMEDTC WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS WITH SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. IN THIS REGARD, THE NEXT CONTRACT FOR THE SURFACE MOVEMENT OF AMMUNITION FROM THAILAND WILL BE NEGOTIATED IN FEBRUARY FOR MARCH IMPLEMENTATION. USE OF COMMERCIAL LST'S SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AS POSSIBLY A MORE SATISFACTORY MEANS OF SURFACE DELIVERY IN LIEU OF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH BARGES.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED ARE:

(A) PROVIDE \$8.25 MILLION ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION FUNDING AS REQUESTED TO INSURE SUFFICIENT ASSETS AVAILABLE THROUGH 27 JANUARY 1974 (CHMEDTC 030515Z JAN 74).

(B) AUTHORIZE THE BUILD-UP TO 38 DOS BY MID-FEBRUARY AS PREVIOUSLY RECOAOMENDED TO REDUCE FUTURE DEPENDENCY ON AIRLIFT. (CINCPAC 172112Z DEC 73).

(C) CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE SUFFICIENT AIRLIFT ASSETS TO COMPENSATE FOR ANY SHORTFALL IN SURFACE LIFT CAPABILITY.

(D) DETERMINE SUITABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF LST'S FOR AMMUNITION DELIVERY. (CHMEDTC 021030Z JAN 74)

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PART II NIMBLE VOYAGE EQUIPMENT (DRY SEASON PACKAGE)

5. NIMBLE VOYAGE EQUIPMENT CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO FANK FIGHTING CAPABILITY. THE FIRST NAVAL CRAFT OF THE PACKAGE, 2 LCM8'S, ARRIVED ON 28 DECEMBER SERVING AS ESCORT FOR AMMO BARGE ON SPECIAL CONVOY TO PHNOM PENH. THEY HAVE BEEN IN ALMOST CONTINUOUS USE SINCE, FERRYING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES FROM PHNOM PENH TO THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG. THE LAST OF THE UNDELIVERED ROLLING STOCK CONSISTING OF 3/4 TON CARGO TRUCKS ARRIVED VIA MEKONG CONVOY 3 JAN 73. THE REMAINING UNDELIVERED EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF 6 NAVAL CRAFT, 3 TRACKED RECOVERY VEHICLES NOW AT SATTAHIP, 9 KWM-2A RADIO TRANSCEIVERS, AND

7 UH-1H HELICOPTERS. DELIVERY OF ALL OF THESE  
ITEMS EXCEPT NAVAL CRAFT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED  
DURING JANUARY 74.

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PART III - PETROLEUM

6. MILITARY PETROLEUM:

A. THE ADO DEBT OF FANK TO TELEKHMER HAS BEEN PAID.  
B. THE BALANCE OF MILITARY STOCKS IN DAYS OF SUPPLY  
WITHIN DEPOT FACILITIES AT 4 JANUAC 1974 IS AS FOLLOWS:  
MOGAS, 71.3; ADO, 62.0; AVGAS 115/145, 55.5; JP-4, 59.7 (ALL OF  
THIS PRODUCT IS COMMERCIALY OWNED BUT DEDICATED TO USE BY KAF).  
THE GOAL OF 60 DAYS SUPPLY OF ALL TYPES OF MILITARY POL  
IS THEREFORE EITHER ACHIEVED OR VIRTUALLY ACHIEVED. IT  
SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AVGAS 115/145 MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE  
FOR PICKUP IN TIME FOR THE 11 JANUARY CONVOY. IF IT IS  
NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE CONVOY OF 11 JANUARY, BY THE CONVOY  
OF 19 JANUARY THE STOCKAGE POSITION OF AVGAS 115/145 WILL  
BE APPROXIMATELY 39 DAYS OF SUPPLY.

C. THE NEXT CONVOY IS SCHEDULED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING  
FANK PRODUCT: MOGAS, 500 CUBIC METERS, ADO, 2,700 CUBIC  
METERS; AVGAS 115/145, 800 CUBIC METERS; JP-4, 800 CUBIC  
METERS.

D. DAO SAIGON INDICATES GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THE  
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FULFILLMENT OF THE SHORTFALL OF FANK-RVNAF PRODUCT NOT BEING MET BY SHELL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ESSO AND CALTEX.

3. MAXIMUM DISPERSION OF MILITARY PRODUCT IS BEING MADE TO CIVILIAN STORAGE AND OUTLYING MILITARY STORAGE AS WELL AS TO USING UNITS. SECURITY FORCES AROUND PREK PHNOM HAVE DOUBLED AND THE PHNOM PENH ARTILLERY FSCKMHAS PLANNED FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRES AROUND THE TANK FARM.

F. RATIONING COMMENCED BY FANK ON 15 NOVEMBER CONTINUES TO KEEP MILITARY POL CONSUMPTION 15 PERCENT BELOW THE HISTORICAL ISSUE.

G. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE.

#### 7. CIVILIAN PETROLEUM

A. PROVISION OF CIVILIAN POL. THE GOAL FOR CIVILIAN BULK PRODUCTS WAS 60 DAYS SUPPLY FOR ADO AND FUEL OIL AND 30 DAYS SUPPLY FOR OTHER PRODUCTS. THE DECEMBER 31 TARGET WAS ACHIEVED FOR ADO (66.8 DAYS); IBKK(41.0 DAYS), AND AVGAS 115 (78.0 DAYS). AS OF JANUARY 2, 1974, WE HAD THE FOLLOWING DAYS OF SUPPLY OF THE REST OF THE PRODUCTS (ALL FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE CURRENTLY PREVALENT CONSUMPTION REFLECTING THE CONSERVATION MEASURES): MOGAS 22.2 DAYS; KEROSENE 10.7 DAYS; FUEL OIL 36.3 DAYS; JP-1 15.8 DAYS; AVGAS 100/130 9.1 DAYS. THE FIGURES FOR INDUSTRIAL DIESEL AND FUEL OIL ARE BASED ON STOCKS OF THESE TWO PRODUCTS IN THE OIL COMPANIES' DEPOTS AS WELL AS THOSE ALREADY AT THE PREMISES OF THE TWO POWER PLANTS, THE PRIMARY USERS OF THE TWO PRODUCTS. THE FOLLOWING TABLE IS A RECAP OF THE POL CIVIL SECTOR FOR JANUARY:

POL - CIVILIAN SECTOR  
(AS OF 1/2 UNDER RATIONING)  
OH IN CUBIC METERS

	A	B	C	D	E	F (E-D)
ON HAND CONVOYS						
CONSUMP.						
STATUS						
DESIRED						
SHORTAGE						

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1/2 1/2-1/31 1/2-1/31 1/31 STOCK OR EXCESS

MO	1220	1800	1650	1370	1650 -	280
KO	IP1067	2950	3000	1017	2 000 -	1983
ADO	7079	1500	3180	5399	6360 -	961
IDO	3033	2000	2220	2813	2220 PLUS	593
FO	4036	2200	3330	2906	6660 -	3754

JP1	189	400	360	229	360	-	131
JP4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AV100	290	-	290	0	960	-	960
AV115	1092	1400	430	2062	430	PLUS	1632
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	18006	12250	14460	15796	21640	-	5844

B. OUTLOOK OF ACHIEVING THE TARGETS BY  
 JANUARY 31, 1974. THE OUTLOOK OF ACHIEVING THE  
 TARGETS IN ALL PRODUCTS BY JANUARY 31, 1974 DOES  
 NOT LOOK GOOD FOR TWO REASONS: (1) THE FAILURE OF  
 SUMMIT TO DELIVER ON ITS CONTRACT AND (2) THE  
 NECESSITY TO USE INCREASING AMOUNTS OF CIVILIAN  
 AUTO DIESEL AND FUEL OIL TO BUNKER VESSELS BRINGING  
 RICE TO PHNOM PENH. CONSEQUENTLY, THE OVERALL  
 SHORTAGE WILL PROBABLY BE LARGER THAN ON JANUARY 1, 1974  
 (5,844 CM VERSUS 2,634 CM). BASING OUR PROJECTIONS  
 ON THE CONSERVATION MEASURES ALREADY IN FORCE, WE  
 MAY ACHIEVE THE TARGET WITH REGARD TO IDO AND AVGAS  
 115 ONLY. THE LATTER PRODUCT, OF WHICH THERE SHOULD  
 BE SUFFICIENT BUT HIGHER PRICED STOCKS BY THE  
 TARGET  
 DATE, CAN BE USED IN LIEU OF AVGAS 100, THUS MAKING

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UP ITS SHORTAGE. THE ESTIMATE SHORTAGES BY  
 INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 1974 ARE SHOWN  
 IN THE ABOVE TABLE. HOWEVER, THE ABOVE PROJECTIONS  
 DO NOT INCLUDE ABOUT 2,000 CM OF PRODUCT (ADO 40 PERCENT AND FO  
 60 PERCENT) WHICH WILL BE NEEDED TO BUNKER VESSELS BRINGING RICE TO  
 PHNOM PENH AND WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE  
 INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOR BUNKERS. THE ABOVE PROJECTIONS

CONCERN ONLY THE SUPPLY OF PHNOM PENH, AND THEY DO NOT INCLUDE A SPECIAL REQUIREMENT OF ABOUT 5,000 CM OF ADO NEEDED IN THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR MONTHS IN BATTAMBANG FOR TRACTORS HARVESTING THE RICE CROP, AND FOR WHICH SUPPLY IS NOT ASSURED.

C. AVAILABILITY OF CIVILIAN PRODUCTS FROM OIL COMPANIES.

THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PRODUCTS WHICH SHELL AND CALTEX ARE OBLIGED TO DELIVER UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRACTS CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY ASSURED. IN FACT, CALTEX AND SHELL PROMISED SOME ADVANCE DELIVERIES FOR JANUARY AGAINST THE FUTURE MONTHS' CONTRACT AMOUNTS. BUT SUMMIT, CONTRARY TO THEIR STRONG PROMISES TO DELIVER AMOUNTS THE COMPANY WAS OBLIGED TO DELIVER UNDER THE CONTRACT, HAS FAILED TO PERFORM. THONN OUK, PRESIDENT-SECRET

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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELE KHMER, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM A CONFERENCE WITH SUMMIT IN BANGKOK, ONLY SECURED A PROMISE FOR THE TWO GROUPS OF PRODUCTS DESCRIBED BELOW. MOREOVER, THE PRODUCTS ARE OFFERED TO TELA KHMER AT PRICES HIGHER THAN THE INTERNATIONAL PRICES. SUMMIT JUSTIFIES THESE INCREASES BY CLAIMING THAT THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE CUT DELIVERIES OF CRUDE TO THE MAJORS (SHELL, ESSO, AND CALTEX) BY ONLY 7 PERCENT AS COMPARED WITH A 42 PERCENT APPLIED TO SUMMIT. THIS MEANS THAT TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER EVEN THE AMOUNTS WHICH IT HAS NOW AGREED TO DELIVER, SUMMIT WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE OPEN (FOR BLACK) MARKET, HENCE THE INCREASED PRICE. THE TWO GROUPS MENTIONED ABOVE WHICH SUMMIT OFFERED FOLLOW:

(1) PRODUCTS AT 10 PERCENT OVER AND ABOVE THE EVENTUALLY POSTED PRICE: 840 CM OF GASOLINE, 700 CM OF KEROSENE, 300 CM OF AUTO DIESEL, AND 200 CM OF INDUSTRIAL DIESEL.

(2) PRODUCTS AT 20 PERCENT OVER AND ABOVE THE EVENTUALLY POSTED PRICE: 700 CM OF GASOLINE, 1,200 CM OF KEROSENE, 500 CM OF AUTO DIESEL, AND 500 CM OF INDUSTRIAL DIESEL.

(3) OR A TOTAL OF ONLY 4,940 CM TO BE DELIVERED OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS.

TELA KHMER HAS AS YET TO BE INFORMED AS TO WHICH OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE DESTINED FOR PHNOM PENH. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THEM WILL BE USED TO SUPPLY BATTAMBANG, KOMPONG SOM, AND KAMPOT AS THESE HAVE BEEN THE CONSUMPTION POINTS SUPPLIED FROM BANGKOK IN THE PAST. ALSO, THE AMOUNTS OF THE PRODUCTS PROMISED BY SUMMIT ONLY SLIGHTLY EXCEED THE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF THOSE PLACES. THUS, WHATEVER SUMMIT WILL DELIVER WILL NOT IMPROVE THE PHNOM PENH

SUPPLY SITUATION. FINALLY, THE PROSPECT FOR DELIVERIES OF BADLY NEEDED ADDITIONAL CRUDE OR FINISHED PRODUCT FROM INDONESIA IS NOT ALL PROMISING.

D. CIVILIAN FUNDING. THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES IN PAYING FOR THE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE TO BE DELIVERED BY JANUARY 31, 1974. SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE.

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HOWEVER, THE FUNDS INITIALLY ESTIMATED FOR FINANCING OF POL PRODUCTS FOR THE REST OF THE FISCAL YEAR WILL CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICE. OUR UP-TO-DATE CALCULATION, BASED ON AN AVERAGE 70 PERCENT INCREASE IN POSTED PRICE, 35 PERCENT INCREASE IN FREIGHT, AND AT LEAST DOUBLED COST OF CRUDE, THE LATTER TO BE REFLECTED IN PRICES BY FEBRUARY, IS BEING COVERED BY A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

E. AVAILABILITY OF BOTTOMS. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF BOTTOMS TO DELIVER THE PRODUCTS REQUIRED BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY 31, 1974 AND FROM THE SOURCES IN WHICH THE PRODUCTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE, I.E., BANGKOK, NHA BE, AND SINGAPORE.

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F. ACTION REQUIRED. AS THE ABOVE CLEARLY INDICATES, WE ARE STILL SHORT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO MEET THE DESIRED TARGETS BY JANUARY 31. THE TARGETS WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED IN SPITE OF THE COOPERATION OF CALTEX AND SHELL SECURED BY THE PERSUASION OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND THE EMBASSY. MORE SUCH PERSUASION IS

NEEDED, ESPECIALLY IN THE FORM OF A FURTHER DEMARCHE ON EXXON WHICH THUS FAR HAS NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE. MOREOVER, WHILE BOTH CALTEX AND SHELL COOPERATED BY AGREEING TO ADVANCE SOME OF THE DELIVERIES OF THE CONTRACTED AMOUNTS, THESE ADVANCED DELIVERIES WILL BE SORELY MISSED LATER TO KEEP UP THE STOCKS AT THE TARGET LEVELS. THEREFORE, FURTHER PERFORMANCE AND COOPERATION ON THE PART OF CALTEX AND SHELL WILL ALSO BE NEEDED. TO SUMMARIZE, IN ABSENCE OF DELIVERIES FROM SUMMIT COUPLED WITH AN ADDITIONAL NEED OF 2,000 CM OF FO AND ADO TO BUNKER THE RICE SHIPS, AND THE ADO FOR THE RICE HARVEST IN BATTAMBANG, WE ARE GOING TO FACE A DEFICIT IN JANUARY IN EXCESS OF 7,800 CM IN THE PHNOM PENH AREA, AND AN ADDITIONAL 2,000 CM FOR JANUARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE BATTAMBANG RICE HARVEST. IN SHORT, WE NEED AN EXTRA 9,800 CM IN JANUARY. AS WE SEE IT, THE OPTIM IS EITHER (A) STATE/AID  
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EXERT EVERY POSSIBLE PRESSURE TO SECURE THIS AMOUNT FROM CALTEX, SHELL, AND ALSO FROM EXXON, OR (B) STATE/AID AUTHORIZES AND FUNDS THEIR PROCUREMENT AT HIGHER THAN POSTED PRICES. IT IS ILLUSORY TO THINK THAT CAMBODIA'S CIVILIAN PETTROLEUM PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED FROM PHNOM PENH.

#### IV RICE

9. CONTINUING PROBLEMS OF BUNKERING IN SAIGON AS WELL AS DELAY AT SEA OF U.S. RICE VESSEL BOUND FOR KOMPONG SOM HAVE PREVENTED THE DECEMBER 31 TARGET OF 45 DAYS' SUPPLY FROM BEING MET. THE TOTAL IN-COUNTRY AVAILABILITY OF IMPORTED RICE ON DECEMBER 31, 1973 WAS 25,246 METRIC TONS CORRESPONDING TO 38.9 DAYS' SUPPLY.

10. THE LAST REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY WHICH ARRIVED SAFELY ON DECEMBER 28 CARRIED ONLY 7,837.9 METRIC TONS INSTEAD OF A PROJECTED 13,500 METRIC TONS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF BUNKERING PROBLEMS IN SAIGON. MOREOVER, THE M/S GULF MERCHANT DUE KOMPONG SOM ON DECEMBER 30 WITH 5,645 METRIC TONS WAS SLIGHTLY DELAYED AT SEA AND REACHED PORT ON JANUARY 2, 1974.

11. GIVEN THE ABOVE CONSTRAINING FACTORS, ON DECEMBER 31, 1973 PHNOM PENH RICE STOCKS AMOUNTED TO 14,138.7 METRIC TONS OR 21.8 DAYS' SUPPLY, WHILE KOMPONG SOM HAS A SURPLUS STOCK OF 11,108 METRIC TONS OR 17.1 DAYS' SUPPLY FOR PHNOM PENH AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

12. THE OUTLOOK FOR JANUARY DELIVERIES DEPENDS ON WHETHER SUFFICIENT BUNKER BECOMES AVAILABLE IN SAIGON. ACCORDING TO OUR CURRENT DATA, 44,850 METRIC TONS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SAIGON THIS MONTH FOR TRANSSHIPMENT



TO PHNOM PENH, AND 9,000 METRIC TONS WILL BE DISCHARGED  
AT KOMPONG SOM DURING THE SAME PERIOD. BASED ON AN  
AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE FOR PHNOM PENH AND  
SURROUNDING AREAS OF 646 METRIC TONS FOR THE WHOLE MONTH  
OF DECEMBER AND A MONTHLY DECEMBER QUOTA OF 1,800 METRIC  
TONS FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES, ABOVE PROJECTED JANUARY  
ARRIVALS SHOULD YIELD 49 DAYS' SUPPLY BY JANUARY 31 (38  
DAYS IN PHNOM PENH AND 11 IN KOMPONG SOM) IN ADDITION

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TO THE 38.9 DAYS' SUPPLY AVAILABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31,  
GIVING A GRAND TOTAL OF 87.9 DAYS' SUPPLY IN-COUNTRY  
BY JANUARY 31, 1974.

13. TWO U.S. RICE SHIPMENTS DESTINED TO CAMBODIA ARE BEING  
DIVERTED TO VIETNAM IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS MONTH AS  
PARTIAL REPAYMENT FOR GVN RICE LOANS TO CAMBODIA. THEY  
CONSIST OF 11,639 METRIC TONS ON THE M/S AMERICAN CONDOR  
AND 11,112 METRIC TONS ON THE M/S PRESIDENT HAYES, DUE  
TO ARRIVE SAIGON JANUARY 5 AND 8, RESPECTIVELY. ON THE  
BLACK SIDE OF THE LEDGER, THREE LYKES VESSELS ORIGINALLY  
SCHEDULED TO DISCHARGE AT KOMPONG SOM ARE NOW BOUND FOR  
SAIGON WHERE THEIR CARGO WILL BE TRANSHIPPED TO PHNOM  
PENH. THESE VESSELS ARE THE CHRISTOPHER, LESLIE, AND  
FREDERICK LYKES CARRYING 3,034, 7,069, AND 4,250 METRIC  
TONS OF U.S. RICE, RESPECTIVELY.

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14. ACTION REQUIRED.

(A) WE ARE DIVERTING FROM INCOMING CIVILIAN FUEL OIL AND DIESEL OIL SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MAKE UP BUNKERING SHORTFALL. (TOTAL REQUIREMENT IS ESTIMATED AT 1200 CUBIC METERS OF FO, AND 800 CUBIC METERS OF IDO). THIS WILL REQUIRE FURTHER CUTS IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY SAIGON CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT BUNKER FROM THE OIL COMPANIES TO TRANSHIP THE SCHEDULED TONNAGE, SO THAT ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION IN PHNOM PENH (WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN CUT 30 PERCENT BY CONSERVATION MEASURES) CAN BE IN PART RESTORED.

(B) FIVE ADDITIONAL BOTTOMS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN. ACTION TO LEASE THEM IS ALREADY UNDERWAY BY USAID/SAIGON.

(C) STAFF OF USAID/SAIGON (ADCC/LOG) NEEDS S BE AUGMENTED BY THREE TDY AMERICANS TO COPE WITH OCAMBODIA RICE SHIPMENT. SEPTTEL ADDRESSES THIS REQUIREMENT AND AN INCREASE IN THE DOLLAR CEILING ON USAID SAIGON CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.

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L,PART V.

PORT MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY

15. THE PORT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL PARAGRAPH 19 HAS BEGUN TO FUNCTION AND ITS ACTIVITIES ARE MONITORED BY ITS TWO EMBASSY MEMBERS. OWING PERHAPS IN CONSIDERABLE PART TO MEASURES TAKEN TO REMOVE DIS-INCENTIVES, THE PORT LABOR SHORTAGE WE ONCE FEARED HAS NOT MATERIALIZED. STEVEDORES NORMALLY WORK AT LEAST UNTIL MIDNIGHT OFF-LOADING RICE. UTILIZATION OF CONVEYOR BELT HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY (NOW APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME, PREDOMINATELY IN NIGHT SHIFT WHICH HAS SMALLER LABOR FORCE). IN TWO NIGHTS DURING PAST WEEK STEVEDORES DID NOT OFFLOAD RICE BECAUSE ENEMY ROCKETS HAD IMPACTED IN OR ALONG THE RIVER  
Z THE PRECEDING AFTERNOON OR EVENING.

16. THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF COMMAND AND CONTROL OF PORT SECURITY BECAUSE ACTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER WAS REQUIRED TO PLACE THE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS AGENCIES AT THE PORT UNDER  
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CONTROL OF THE KHMER NAVY (MNK). OWING TO THE RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER IN TAM, THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN PASSED TO HIS SUCCESSOR LONG BORET. WE WILL AGAIN PRESS FOR A FAVORABLE DECISION./PENDERS

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